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In re Application of: Brian K. Estabrook et al.
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Title: PORT DEVICE FOR SUBCUTANEOUS
ACCESS TO THE VASCULAR SYSTEM
OF A PATIENT

Group Art Unit: 3763

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Sir:

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RESPONSE

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action in the
above-identified application.

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Claims 1-30 stand subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I - Claims 1-25 and 28-30, drawn to a port device, classified in class 604, subclass 288.01; and

Group II - Claims 26-27, drawn to a locking tool, classified in class 604, subclass 103.03.

The Examiner also indicated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species 1: claims 1-17

Species 2: claim 8

Species 3: claims 9-14

Species 4: claim 15-16

Species 5: claims 17-22

Species 6: claims 23-25

Species 7: claims 28-29


Species 8: claim 30.

Applicants believe that the Examiner intended to state that claims "1-7", and not "1-17", are directed to Species 1. If this is incorrect, clarification is respectfully requested.

In response, Applicants hereby elect, without prejudice, to prosecute the invention of Group I, drawn to a port device, classified in class 604, subclass 288.01; and Applicants elect Species 6, claims 23-25.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to prosecute all non-elected subject matter in related applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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